

2000 NEWSLETTERS

News for April 30, 2011

Portmore Week

Portmore week will be in April 2000. There will be a Portmore EXPO. You can get a booth to display your products from \$15,000 (\$10,000 for Portmore Businesses). Portmore Week, this year, falls between April 30 and May 7, 2000. The following is a tentative programme of activities for the week:

Sunday, April 30

- Church Service at 10.00a.m.
- A Domino Tournament will be at the Twyn Citi Restuarant later that day.

Monday, May 1

- Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast by Portmore Ministers' Fraternal

Tuesday, May 2

- Economical Development Day
There will be a Seminar and Luncheon. School Career Development- Groups of students will visit commercial and Industrial businesses. A Rap session will follow to be addressed by professionals.

There will be a Community Forum at the HEART Academy at 7:00p.m. with live radio coverage.

Wednesday, May 3

- Teachers' Day
Portmore Night (There will be a Cultural Event)

Thursday, May 4

-Environmental Day

This day will start with a clean-up by some Youth Groups in Greater Portmore. Later in the day there will be a Rally of the schools and a presentation of certificates for students who participated in the Essay and Poster Competition last year.

There will be an Exhibition at the Portmore Lions Centre (location not yet confirmed) WE WELCOME ART-WORK SUBMISSIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT FROM STUDENTS OR ANY INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL.

Visit to Portmore by Ambassadors and other VIPs (commencing - 10:00a.m.) A Reception at the Lions Civic Centre will follow at 7:00p.m. with the presentation of the 'Most Environmentally Conscious Community' prizes.

There will also be an Environmental Bashment in Greater Portmore starting at 6:00p.m.

Friday, May 5

-Portmore EXPO opens at 4:00p.m. at the HEART Academy, Portmore

Saturday, May 6

-EXPO

-Health Fair at Naggo Head; Sports Spectacular and Float Parade through communities.

Sunday, May 7

-EXPO ends at 9:00p.m. At 7:00p.m. a DJ Spin-Off will take place at Ken's Wildflower

THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 13 AT 7:00P.M. (AFTER PORTMORE WEEK). TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE. Support Portmore Week 2000. E-mail your queries or suggestions to portmoreweek@portmore.org garveymeade@portmore.org

Disaster Preparedness - do it yourself!

Residents of Portmore are hereby warned to do their own preparations for a disaster. In particular we need to prepare for an earthquake! PLEASE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY. Stockup on

bandaged, bottled water, dry foods, medicines....the authorities are not as prepared as you might like to believe!

**Domino Round Robin - Guinness
Portmore Domino Contest Agenda:**

CLUB - ADDRESS - DATE

Hurricane - Dunbeholden - 25th Feb. 2000
Mervis - 25A Westchaetr Dr. - 3rd March 2000
Black Rooster - McCooks Pen - 10th March 2000
Sydenham Force - Federal Rd. - 17th March 2000
Garvey Meade - Garvey Meade Club - 31st March 2000
Diamond Meade - Newland Rd. - 7th April 2000
Caribbean Classic - 42 Portmore Lane - 14th April 2000

Rotary Club of Portmore

Rotary Club of Portmore will have a Fish Fry on Friday March 3, 2000 at HEART. Food will be available from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

South St. Catherine Junior Chamber (Portmore Jaycees)

Health fair 2000 - May 6 at Naggo Head / Newlands Community.

The NWC news

The NWC (National Water Commission) is the only utility company to be in contact with us! Great NWC... keep it up. NWC sent us the following notice on time, but we are posting it late (our newsletter was not up at the time) NWC advises customers of Greater Portmore that there will be low pressure until Thursday, February 10. This is due to a mechanical problem at Tulloch Spring system. A number of the re-lift stations have been shut down. Customers with problems are asked to call the Control Centre at 1-888-991-6922 or 998-7364.

Cleanup Activity in Portmore - Kiwanis

The Kiwanis clubs of South and Central St. Catherine will be participating in its second clean up campaign along Portmore Parkway this Saturday, February 19 starting at 7:00a.m. for two (2)

hours. (On the outskirts of Mega Mart and Petcom Gas Station) The aim is to assist PECAP with its programme of caring for the environment.

PECAP and the Kiwanis Clubs are calling on all civic-minded individuals, groups or other service clubs to come out and be a part of the clean-up team. Refreshments will be served to all participants.

Constituency Service

Constituency Service for South St. Catherine was held at the Braeton Seventh Day Church Sat. 12, 2000

Hellshire

The SDC is attempting to encourage the communities in Hellshire to come together in a "Joint Council" just as there is in Greater Portmore.

Believers Convention

The Portmore Ministers Fraternal (PO Box 278 Gregory Park - 931-2209) Will have a Portmore Believers Convention at various churches in the community - Feb 13-18 7:00 p.m. Contact them for more information

Greater Portmore Raffle

The raffle will be drawn on Sat. 26, 2000 in the Greater Portmore Shopping Center. You are invited to attend

The CASE program will be launched at GC Foster College Feb. 17, 2000. This is a new program to encourage community support for education and to view the Ministry Green paper. Contact the SDC for more information. sdcsys@cwjamaica.com

Ministry of Justice - Community Service

The ministry is looking for community leaders to help administer the "Community Service" aspect of criminal punishment. When persons are sentenced to community service, leaders are need to verify that the work was done in their community. The workers will be supervised by the

ministry.

For more information contact Ms. E. Morgan 988-5441

Sports Centre in Greater Portmore is on the way

Well, finally after 5 years, WIHCON / Multi-Care have called a meeting to discuss the matter...

Gas Station for Greater Portmore

The bird has it that a gas station might be coming to Greater Portmore by the Civic Centre

Forum Hotel

A bird also says that the SDA Church is looking closely at the Forum Hotel. We understand that the Government is not displeased... we shall see

Land in Portmore

We understand from the former Minister of Housing that to get [some] land in Portmore, one has to apply to the Ministry of Housing (Fitzroy Williams, etc). Check it out! We also understand that the Greater Portmore Task Force (from the Prime Ministers Office) does some land development/sale too, but please verify this with them.

PECAP meeting

There will be a PECAP meeting Tuesday, January 25, at 7:30p.m. at the Bridgeport Comprehensive High School (in the Library) Please make an effort to attend.

Portmore Planning Authority

The office will be in Portmore Pines. Plans are being finalized

The Joint Citizens Association

A committee has been formed to lobby the authorities to preserve the lands in front of Portmore Pines as a reserve / garden area.

News for May 17, 2011

PORTMORE WEBSITE NEWSLETTER 8/2000

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May 17, 2000

Greetings everyone!

WATER

Greater Portmore and all surrounding areas will be without water from Thursday, May 18 at 8:00 in the morning until Friday, May 19 at noon.

Customers are asked to store water for use. Areas affected are: >ALL SECTORS of Greater Portmore
>From Gregory Park to Braeton and all communities within this boundary.
Information like thing will be posted on our message board on the site.

THE DO-DO MUST END

The British arrived in Portmore around this time in May of 1655. Our African ancestors were already here substituting for the indian natives who had all died out after 160 years of Spanish slavery and diseases. For the next 300+ years of European rule, British brutality was "jolly good" . This attitude only changed after the Indian fight for independence was successful and the "Empire" was no longer profitable but dependent. We have always had the do-do end of the stick from the Colonial masters.

What I am saying is - ITS TIME FOR INDEPENDENCE. It is time for a Caribbean Supreme Court. No USA citizen would ever consider allowing a foreign court to judge them (even it the majority feel the decisions are faulty). Let us have confidence in ourselves as a people and let us not make the same mistake of the 1960's when we rejected Caribbean Federation because of unfounded fears and political loyalties.

One last thing, what is this ridiculous idea that politicians should be kept out of everything! Like it or not, in a democracy the politician represents the authority and will of the people. No, we don't want "political decisions" influencing every decision of our courts, but the justices must be finally accountable to the people. In the US, politicians decide who sits on the supreme court , but once appointed they can not control the decisions they make.

FEATURED ON TELEVISION

The Portmore Website was featured on TVJ yesterday! Sadly, I missed it.

Our thanks to TVJ television for the exposure! We heard they had high praises for the site.

LIBRARY

After many delays?The Greater Portmore Branch Library will finally open on Sunday June 11 at 4:00 p.m. Invitations will soon be out ? but please consider yourself invited!

PROTEST

Last week Thursday the civic and political leaders of Greater Portmore met at the "100 man" police station to discuss the containers being dumped in the community. Councilors Bell and Lee reported some progress on the matter of removal. However, we all noted that a promise is a comfort to?(you know the rest). The police stated that residents are to report any more containers they see being dumped so that action can be taken immediately!

The 20 or more leaders present at the meeting spoke with passion about their efforts over the years at keeping Greater Portmore from becoming a ghetto. Everyone felt it was time for a strong local authority. In essence we agreed to:

- 1) Call on the Ministry of Housing to immediately hand the community completely over to the Parish Council and to call on the Parish Council to accept control without conditions.
- 2) Meet with the Minister and other authorities on this matter.
- 3) Hold a public rally (protest) to demonstrate our displeasure with the trailers/containers and to rally support for all community issues. If the containers are not removed by the end of this month, the protest will definitely be about them. We have the word of the police to see that all goes well so we are calling on ALL residents of Greater Portmore to prepare to be a part of this protest! "not for pay, not for politics, not for glory?but for a better community? we must stand now!")

DUPPY STORIES

Do you love "Duppy" Stories? ("Ghosts Stories" - for our foreign readers) Well, there are talks of having touring story tellers in our communities. Of course this is a project of Mrs. Small and we should all support it?. 'Ole time singting com back again'.

THE AGM

The Greater Portmore Joint Council will have its AGM on Saturday May 20, in the Junior Center starting at 7:00 p.m. The St. Catherine Sec/mgr will be the guest speaker. You are all invited. Yes, I am up for re-election, but the people's choice rules in these matters.

CHURCH & LAND

From the last newsletter, I need to clear the air. No one is against the SDA church or any other church! Any entity is free to buy Portmore lands once they can afford it. What we are sad about is the procedure for acquiring public lands. In general, we need to have a sense of openness and fairness about all sales. Everyone should know about lands for sale and everyone should be able to place a bid. Land use plans should be followed.

NOTES

Corp Layne, the policeman that was killed, was a member of our community. We mourn his loss. Let us all resolve to pray more and love harder.

Labour Day is coming. All communities may register community projects with the SDC. The GPJC plans to place a public notice board by the post office - they requested it.

Do you have a 2 Bed room grilled Portmore house to rent for between \$10,000 - \$12,000? Call Anthony Smith - 949-7188 (can be recommended)

THE END

Well, God bless you!
Kennedy

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News for June 8, 2000

PORTMORE WEBSITE NEWSLETTER 9/2000 Web site is www.portmore.org reply to webmaster@portmore.org 218 persons on this list. June 8, 2000

Greetings everyone!

We welcome the members of the Cumberland Youth Club to this newsletter. Also the leaders of Christian Penn area. We all met at the NHT's leaders training seminar.

The Portmore Week was good and we tried to capture a few pictures. Go to the album page and see, Miss Portmore - Ms. Gouldbourne, the Waterford High steel band and the awardees for Portmore Prizes. Also in the album page are pictures of Greater Portmore High being opened, Labour Day activities, and much more. Go to www.portmore.org/album/

We have two new ads! One is a gun instructor and the other is Wedding shop. We thank them for their support ♦ it will help to cover our costs.

Do you recall that I have been losing faith in churches? Well my faith has been joyfully restored ♦. One of the churches that used the community lands for an evangelical event, gave us \$10,000 to develop the land. Isn't that nice? We will do as asked when the time is right. Speaking of church, the wonderful Portmore Week sermon is now on the site for you to read. Go have a look! www.portmore.org/church/

The Greater Portmore Protest is on for this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. under the protective eyes of the Police, who assure us that we are within the law!

We are protesting the poor administration of the community, the fact that Greater Portmore is not "handed over" to the Parish Council, and that there has been little success in getting the containers littering the community out.

Please come to the 100 man Police station dressed in white tops and black bottoms. Don't depend on others to defend your community. Please come out to support the cause! Its your home and your kids' future.

On Sunday the Greater Portmore Library will be opened at 4:00 p.m. We are indeed pleased. Thanks to the Jamaica Library Service, the SDC, and to MP Fitz Jackson (Who I hear will be handing over \$500,000 to the Library)

Finally, I should tell you that I was reelected as Chairman of the Greater Portmore Joint Council. ♦ its more work than glory!

More later.

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Hello everyone,

Welcome to Ms. Doris of 2N . Also, welcome to Mr. Toomer who is the chairman of the Committee setup to open the Sports Complex in Greater Portmore. The plan involves a phase one of \$7 million and should begin soon. We will need YOUR support.

THE CONTANERS ARE GONE!

Let me be the first to congratulate the St. Catherine Parish Council for Impounding the shipping containers scattered in our community. We are VERY happy and grateful. Thanks goes to the Secretary manager for acting! Sell the containers quickly to recover your costs and punish the conscienceless owners. Special thanks goes to Councilor George Lee - who was 100% behind us!

Two Saturdays ago community leaders took to the streets to protest this and other matters. See the pictures of the protest at:

www.portmore.org/album

We are still demanding that:

1. We demand that the Ministry of Housing relinquish control of Greater Portmore and that the St. Catherine Parish Council immediately and unconditionally take full responsibility for the community.
2. We call on the Ministry of Finance to immediately improve budgetary allocations for the community, especially since we contribute so much to the tax pool.
3. We demand that the Parish Council enforce the building covenants, and ensure that Developers correct construction faults.

4. We demand a more transparent system of government land sale, and formal procedures for community consultation.

5. We call on the government to create an effective Municipal Authority that gives residents better management and control of their affairs.

THE LIBRARY etc.

Come see pictures of our new library at www.portmore.org/album . We are very proud and happy for this facility. Thanks to the JLS, the SDC, the MP and others.

THE PRISONS

No one can not deny that our justice system needs attention. We should be ashamed that our prisoners live in sub-human conditions. I support hanging, but how can we hang people convicted by a system that none of us trust?

Then, did you hear that ridiculous "no note-taking" ruling handed down by the judge looking into the Prison Riot?

With judges like those we might well keep looking to England for justice!

THE NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION NOTE

In an effort to ensure that customers get their bills on time, the NWC is hand delivering bills to the following communities:

* Independence city * Edgewater * Passageort * Bridgeport * all sectors of greater portmore

customers in these communities who do not receive bills or generally customers who do not receive bill on a monthly basis, are asked to e-mail the community relations officer at cdrake@nwc.com.jm or telephone 998-7364 and have this matter resolved.

serving you better.

camille drake

THE TREES ARE GOING! ♦ ..

Do you remember those trees on the land by the 100 man police station? Those just opposite Portmore Pines? Well the owners are about to develop the land and to cut (some) trees. We are saddened that someone with vision, money, or clout could not have Saved a natural land reserve area for the people of Portmore.

Where are the dreamers of our generation who plan for the future? Who will build another Hope Gardens, or a Castleton gardens, or a Devon House? Who will design a Central Park in the middle of our concrete jungle! Rescue us someone!, anyone!

We anxiously wait to SUPPORT you.

GREATER PORTMORE JOINT COUNCIL

A list of the new Greater Portmore Joint Council's new executive members is on the site at www.portmore.org/greaterportmore .

Additionally, please note that on the last Saturday of July we shall be having a Community Retreat to discuss plans for Greater Portmore.

We plan to invite all out politicians, youth leaders, etc to discuss our community. Mark it in your calendars!

Kennedy

PS. By-the-way, It's my 12th Anniversary next month! I know your gifts are already in the mail!

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